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Federal Election Commission
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OFFICE OF
GENERAL COUNSEL

April 6, 2015

RE : Supplemental Response regarding MUR 6793

Dear Ms. Gallagher:

On March 11, 2014, the Steve Stockman for Senate candidate committee along with Congressman Steve Stockman had a complaint filed against him from Texans for Stovall (later referred to as TFS) and Dwayne Stovall. On June 9th, Jon Noltie representing Steve Stockman for Senate as treasurer, responded to the complaints. On March 24, 2015, I received via email and 1st Class mail the "additional information" regarding the complaint. After contacting Ms Gallagher, I have received the original complaints. I have examined the "additional information" sent to me as well.

In section 1 of TFS's complaint, it asserts that Jason Posey was Steve Stockman for Senate's treasurer. Mr. Posey was never the committee's treasurer at any period. Mr. Noltie mentioned that in his response, and things have not changed since that time. The treasurer from the beginning of the Steve Stockman for Senate committee though the time the original complaint was filed was Dan Backer.

In section 2 of TFS's complaint, we deny that Congressman Steve Stockman acted illegally in any coordination with 3rd parties in production/broadcasting political advertising.

In section 5 of TFS's complaint, we reiterate that Mr. Posey was never the treasurer of Steve Stockman for Senate. We also deny any coordination between Steve Stockman for Senate and Center for American Future or any other 3rd party organizations (including 501c Organizations, issue advocacy organizations, or SuperPacs) in violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

In section 6 of TFS's complaint and the supplement, inaccurate sources were used. The Houston Chronicle referred to Congressman Stockman's US House committee, not Steve Stockman for Senate which was a separate committee. The major source relied upon by TFS, Lee Stranahan is not a journalist. He was a blogger who has since been fired from Breitbart Texas. <http://dailycaller.com/2014/03/09/lee-stranahan-fired-by-breitbart-news-after-being-rehired-what-gives/> - The Daily Caller also mentioned an email exchange between Stranahan and former treasurer Dan Backer over an unrelated matter where Mr. Stranahan solicited money. Mr. Stranahan does not have an unbiased agenda, and likely has a grudge against Mr. Backer. We have attached some screenshots and tweets regarding the exchange and Mr. Stranahan's inability to tell the truth.

Mr. Stranahan was also a pornographer who runs a "deviant art" account and runs something called Stranahan-erotica. Those can be found online, but due to "Safe for Work", disturbing images, and potential legal reasons, we have not linked to those.

Mr. Stranahan may have a history of not giving people the services/items for which they paid him. Normally I would not link to a message board, but Mr. Stranahan himself posted on that thread. The third page summarizes the issue that customers are not receiving the items for which they paid. <http://pigsfly.com/index.php?/topic/717-warninglee-stranahan-learning-digital-fusion-scam/page-3>

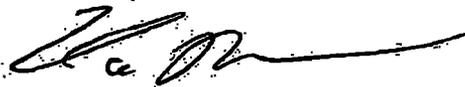
Mr. Stranahan is prone to conspiracy theories. He was (briefly) a spokesman for indicted candidate Annete Bosworth in South Dakota. While in that role, he was blaming her own attorney and others for causing that indictment for political reasons. That story was featured in the local newspaper. <http://www.argusleader.com/story/davidmontgomery/2014/06/18/bosworth-blames-arends/10809387/> - A local (South Dakota) perspective says more here - <http://dakotawarcollege.com/lee-stranahan-and-the-manufactured-attack-narrative-against-marty-jackley/> - That website is run by Pat Powers (<http://patpowers.com/>), a South Dakota political consultant. Mr Powers did more of his own investigation there. <http://nprntestfeed.blogspot.com/2014/07/powers-bosworth-case-from-different.html>

We mention some of Mr. Stranahan's background because TFS is reliant upon his information in their complaint against Mr. Stockman. Mr. Stranahan was the main source for TFS's complaint. Despite the credibility concerns regarding Mr. Stranahan, we looked at his transactional records that you delivered to us. These are alleged to be ours from Mr. Stranahan. While the "description" of the transactional records says "Stockman for Senate 2014 donation," we have no record of these transactions being part of our committee. We have no record of 52 of the individuals donating any amount to the Steve Stockman for Senate committee at any time. We have records of three other individuals donating a different amount to the committee than what was shown on this transaction. Nine individuals were listed as donating to us the same amount to Steve Stockman for Senate, but per our records, none of their transactions listed were on February 11 or February 12th, the dates alleged in the complaint. There was no individual exact matches of name, amount, and date, between our records and the transactions that were provided.

We also contacted our webmaster once again. He reiterated what he told Mr. Noltie in the previous response. They used Stockman for Senate's website as a template to built websites for other customers, one of which was Center for American Future (CAF). He stated that the merchant account for CAF was inactive during the time of the complaint. As such, no donations occurred for CAF. He also stated that no donations were redirected from CAF's website to Steve Stockman for Senate's account. There was no coordination between Steve Stockman for Senate and any other organization.

Based on the questionable source used by TFS and the fact that the additional information is not part of or coordinated with the Steve Stockman For Senate Committee, we respectfully request that this complaint be dismissed. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely:



4-6-2015

Daniel J Wholihan - Current Treasurer - Steve Stockman for Senate

From: Dan Becker
Date: October 17, 2013 at 7:33:50 AM EDT
To: Lee Stranahan
Subject: RE: Hey Dan : film proposal...

Lee,

Thank you for the email, but I can't think of anyone I have that kind of access too who would be in a position to bankroll the project. Sorry about that.

Incidentally, and while I appreciate the offer, I can't accept finders' fees for introducing my clients to potential opportunities because it would create an inherent conflict under my professional ethics duties. Thanks though!

From: Lee Stranahan
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2013 5:58 PM
To: Dan Backer
Subject: Hey Dan : film proposal...

Dan,

I recently went to Lebanon for 11 days to cover the refugee crisis and plight of Christians in the Middle East.

I got exclusive interviews with Syrian refugees, major religious leaders from the region and developed some incredible contacts.

I'm trying to raise around \$60k for an hour documentary that hits hard on the Hillary / Kerry / Obama policies that have led to the a massive crisis.

I'd want to go back to the Middle East in a couple of weeks for extra shooting and get the project edited for a December release.

If you know any funders who might be interested in such a project, let's talk. There's a finder's fee / executive producer credit and this is an important issue.

